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July 24, 2023
NOTICE OF DRINKING WATER
TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES VIOLATION
RRA – Preston Shores Water System, ID No. 0910037

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the RRA Preston Shores public water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes (TTHM). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for total trihalomethanes to be 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on a locational running annual average (LRAA), and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for total trihalomethanes indicates a compliance value in the second quarter of **0.110 mg/L** for location DBP2-01 and **0.104 mg/L** for DBP2-02.

Trihalomethanes are a group of volatile organic compounds that are formed when chlorine, added to the water during the treatment process for disinfection, reacts with naturally occurring organic matter in the water.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidney, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

The RRA has implemented a chlorine dioxide treatment process to bring the total TTHM levels into compliance. This process is used to pre-treat the raw water and eliminate disinfection by-product (DBP) pre-cursors. The RRA is also working with engineering to optimize plant operations. The Authority will send letters until the running annual average is below the required MCL.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For further information, please contact our Main Office at (940) 723-8697. You may also contact your District Manager, Ms. Patti Neely at (903) 786-9303.

Sincerely,

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Jimmy Dunn
Regulatory Compliance Officer